

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board met on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 11:30 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street. The Executive Director, Cedric S. Grant, called the roll and showed the following members present: Ms. Suchitra Satpathi representing Mayor Landrieu, Mr. Alan Arnold, Mr. Marion Bracy, Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Mr. Scott Jacobs, and Ms. Kimberly Thomas.

The following members were absent: Mrs. Robin Barnes, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning and Mr. Joseph Peychaud.

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.; Amer Tufail, Greenpoint Engineers; Robert Bredberg, Burk-Kleinpeter; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Will Bryant, PPUSA; Nathalie Simon, Laitram; Corinne Villavaso, Villavaso Group, LLC.

Staff present were: Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent; Ronald Doucette, Deputy Director of Security; Kimberly Johnson, Deputy Director of Continuous Improvement; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Shaval Stewart, Executive Director's Office.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2015. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HONORS AND AWARDS

None.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cedric S. Grant announced the FEMA settlement for the Public Assistance Program to restore infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Katrina. He also discussed the Urban Water Plan that is financed through the state's Comprehensive Resiliency Program in which the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department has offered additional funds through community block grants for Orleans Parish. The 'Fix My Streets Financing Task Force' has been charged with coming up with innovative ways to pay for the massive backlog of street repairs. Next, he also discussed the newly added executive staff members of the Sewerage and the Water Board and its new staffing organization structure. Lastly, he highlighted key agenda topics brought up for discussion at the December Strategy, Pension and Finance & Administration Committee meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STRATEGY COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Marion Bracy reported on the actions taken by the Strategy Committee. Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Strategy Committee Report and approval of the Strategy Committee recommendations, therein. Dr. Tamika Duplessis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Scott Jacobs reported on the summary report on the actions taken by the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting.

Mr. Jacobs noted that the Finance & Administration Committee Report would be accepted for approval with the exception of the 2016 Operating and Capital Budget information and resolutions; this matter will be taken up separately at today's meeting.

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved acceptance of the Finance & Administration Committee report and the Finance & Administration Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PENSION COMMITTEE

The Deputy Director, Mr. Robert Miller reported on the actions taken by the Pension Committee.

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved acceptance of the Pension Committee report and the Pension Committee recommendations, therein. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted in conjunction with approval of the Committee reports as follows:

R-221-2015 – Commercial Flood Insurance Policy for Facilities

R-222-2015 – Furnishing Polyelectrolyte – Req. Nos. AL150013 & CM150023

R-223-2015 – Furnishing Lime – Req. No. CM150039

R-224-2015 – Furnishing Anhydrous Ammonia – Req. Nos. AL150026 & CM150039

R-225-2015 – Furnishing Reclaimed Asphaltic Pavement (RAP) – Req. No. YW160001

R-226-2015 – Contract 1345 – Replacement of Filter Backwash Equipment at the Main Water Purification Plant

R-227-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Fire Hydrant Anti-Tampering Devices – Req. No. YW140064

R-232-2015 – Award of Contract to Roedel Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff & McCollister to Represent the Board in Construction Litigation Matter Entitled Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, CDC No. 2015-11017

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2016 Operating Budget and 2016 Capital Budget Blanket Appropriation Resolution
- Adoption of 2016 Operating and Maintenance Budget
- Adoption of 2016 Capital Budget and 2016-2025 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Miller provided a slide presentation on the recommended 2016 Operating Budget, 2016 Capital Budget, and 2016-2025 Capital Improvement Program and financing plans. He discussed the assumptions used to develop these documents and he provided budgetary details of each plan. He recommended the adoption of the 2016 Operating Budget and 2016 Capital Budget Blanket Appropriations, 2016 Operating and Maintenance Budget, 2016 Capital Budget and 2016-2025 Capital Improvement Programs for the water, sewer and drainage systems.

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved approval of the 2016 Operating Budget and 2016 Capital Budget Blanket Appropriations, as described in resolution (R-220-2015). Mr. Alan Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved approval of the 2016 Operating and Maintenance Budget, as described in resolution, R-231-2015. Dr. Tamika Duplessis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Tamika Duplessis moved approval of the adoption of the 2016 Capital Budget and 2016-2025 Capital Improvement Program, as described in resolution, R-230-2015. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- FEMA Status Report
 - Report of the General Superintendent
 - Report of the Special Counsel
 - Financial Statements
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.